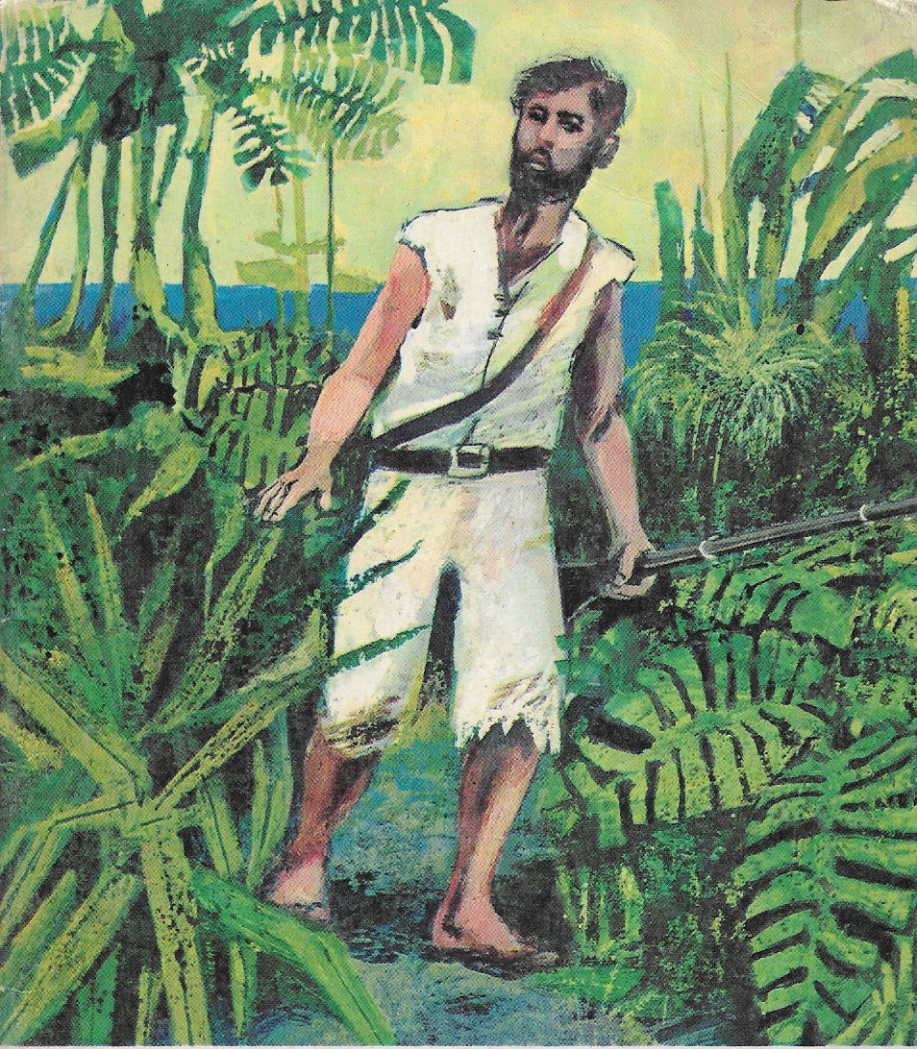

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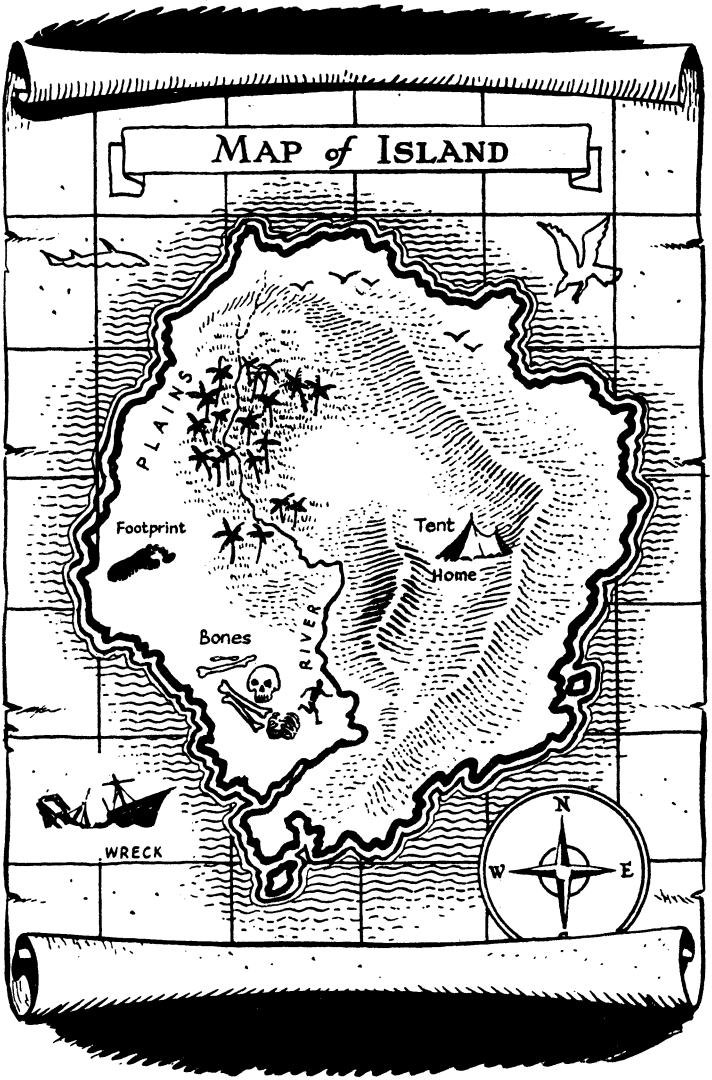
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ROBINSON CRUSOE

1. How Robinson Crusoe went to sea

I was born in the year 1632, in the city of York, of a good family. At a very early age I wished to go to sea. My father, a wise and grave man, prayed me not to do so. For a time I decided not to think of it any more. But one day in the city of Hull I met a friend who was going to sea on his father's ship. He asked me to go with him. Then, without asking my father, without asking God's blessing, without any thought of what the end of it would be, I went on board the ship.

2. How the Ship was lost in the storm

On the same day we set forth, meaning to go to the African coast. We guided the ship as if we were going to the island Fernando do Noronha. Then we left that island on the east. After a few days there came a fearful storm. The wind blew the ship this way and that for twelve days. The ship was badly broken and water was coming in. Then one of our men, early in the morning, cried out, " Land! " Just as we came out to look, the ship ran onto some sand. The waves came over the ship, and we knew that very soon it would be broken to pieces. We had a small boat on board: we let the boat down into the water, and got into it. When we had gone some distance in the boat, a great wave came from behind. It gave us just time to say, " Oh, God! " —and we were all thrown into the water.

Crusoe's ship was lost in the storm

3. How Crusoe was thrown up on the land

A great wave took me and carried me on towards the shore: it left me on the land half dead with the water which I had taken in. At once I got upon my feet and ran up to a dry place and lay there more dead than alive. After a time I was sick and threw up a great lot of sea-water which had got into my stomach. Then I lay down to rest; but I dared not sleep on the ground for fear of being eaten by wild beasts.

So I climbed up into a tree, and remained there until morning. I knew that all my friends had been killed and I alone had been saved. I was very tired and I quickly fell asleep.

4. How Crusoe went out to the ship

When I woke it was day. The sea was quiet, and the ship lay less than half a mile from the shore. I had with me nothing—no food, nor anything with which I might get food. I therefore decided to go out to the ship in order to see what useful things I might find there. I took off my clothes and, jumping into the water, soon reached the ship. I climbed through a hole in the side. The lower part was full of water, but the other parts were dry.

5. How Crusoe brought things from the ship

I found four large pieces of board and tied them together to make a boat. Then I put onto this boat all the things which I might need from the ship. I took a large box of food, an axe and other things for cutting and shaping wood, seven *guns* and

plenty of powder for the guns, pens and paper, some books, also needles and such clothes as I could find. I took a small sail and fixed it in my boat. I then set forth again towards the shore. When I came near the shore, the front of the boat went up onto the land, and all my goods began to fall off that end of the boat which was still in the water. I quickly seized them and held them back. After much labour I tied the things down, so that my hands were now free to work upon the front of the boat and set it back into the water. Then I guided my boat into a little river. There I got all the goods safely onto the land.

6. How Crusoe discovered that he was on an island and how he shot at a bird

My next work was to look at the country, and to seek a proper place for a hut, where I might store my goods and keep them safe from whatever might happen. There was a hill not more than a mile away, which rose up higher than the other hills on the north of it. I took my gun, and reached the top of the hill. There I saw with great sadness that I was on an island. The sea was on all sides of me: there was no land to be seen, except two small islands about nine miles distant to the west. I could not see any fields or huts on the island, nor any marks to show that there were men on it. I saw plenty of birds, but I did not know their kinds, nor which were fit to eat. As I came back I shot at a great bird: I believe that this was the first gun that had ever been *fired* on the island. For, at the sound of the gun, there rose great numbers of birds of

I fired my gun at a great bird

hundreds of sorts, making loud noises of crying and calling, each in its own manner.

7. How Crusoe made a house to live in

Still seeking a place for my hut, I found a little plain on the side of a hill. There was a hole in the side of the hill at the back of this little plain, but this hole was small and did not go far into the rock. I brought the sail of my boat here, and made of it a tent, which I set up on the plain. Then I drew a half-circle about the tent. In this half-circle I fixed two lines of strong sticks into the ground. The sticks were about five and a half feet high and were pointed at the top. Then I began to cut away the rock, so as to make the hole in the hill larger; and I put the earth and stones within the wall of sticks, so that it raised the ground inside by about a foot and a half.

8. How Crusoe went to live in his house

Thus I had two rooms, my tent in which I would live, and the hole as a store-room. There was no door in the wall of sticks, but I made steps to go over the top, and, when I was in, I lifted the steps over after me. So I was completely shut in and quite safe.

I then brought all my goods, which I had taken from the ship, and put them in my store-room.

After I had been on the island about ten or twelve days, I thought that I should need some way of marking the days. So I set up a tall piece of wood, and cut on it in big letters:

"I CAME ON SHORE HERE ON MAY 30, 1659"

Each day I cut a small mark on the side of this stick: every seventh mark was larger than the others, meaning a new week. After thirty marks I made a line, meaning a new month.

9. How Crusoe made some necessary things

I now set myself to making some necessary things which I needed most. I greatly needed a chair and a table—for without a chair and a table I could not write or eat properly. For want of the proper things for making them, these cost me much labour and trouble. Thus, when I wanted a board, I had no other way but to cut down a tree, and cut away the round part of the tree on either side with my axe. In this way I could make only one board out of a tree. But my time or labour was worth little, and so it was as well used in one way as in another.

I made a table and a chair, and I fixed boards all along one side of my store-room; on these I put all my stores and goods in order. Thus I had everything ready at my hand, and it was a great pleasure to me to see all my goods in such order, and to find my stock of all necessaries so great.

10. How Crusoe made a lamp

I did not know what to do for light in the evening. So, as soon as it was dark, I was forced to go to bed. I might have made a good light with bees' wax, but I had no bees' wax. All I could do was this—whenever I killed and ate any animal, I set the fat on one side. I made a little cup of earth, dried in the sun, which I filled with the fat. With this I made a lamp. This gave me light, though not a clear good light.

11. How Crusoe discovered more of the island

I had now been in this unhappy island above ten months. Having now made for myself a safe place to live in, I had a great desire to discover the rest of the island more perfectly. I went up the little stream where I had first brought my boat on shore. On the bank of this stream I found grassy plains in which sugar was growing—but wild and not perfect. As I went farther up the stream, these plains ended, and there were more trees. Here I found many very fine fruits. I gathered many of these fruits, for I had thought of a good use for them—that is, to dry them in the sun and keep them with my store of food.

12. How Crusoe came "home" again

I slept that night in a tree. On the next day I travelled on and came to an opening in the hills, where the country fell away to the west. Here the country appeared so fresh, so green and so full of flowers, that it looked like a planted garden, and I thought with some pleasure that I was king and lord of all this country. Having now spent three days on this journey, I came " home "—as I must now call my tent. I took with me the fruits which I had gathered: but, before I got there, many of them were bad, the richness of the fruits and the weight of their liquid having broken them. But I set out the rest to dry in the sun, and after some days I found that they had dried perfectly.

13. How the rains came

During this month there came heavy rains, so

During this month there came heavy rains . . .

that I could not go out from my tent. For this reason it was not easy to get food.

Going out twice, I one day killed an animal, and on the last day of the rain I caught a large fish. For the rest I ate my dried fruits and such food as I had taken from the ship.

During this time I worked at making my store-room larger. I also made for myself baskets for carrying the earth out of the store-room and to keep food in.

I had no pots (except two very small ones) to hold any liquid. I had not a pot in which to boil anything, except one which I had taken from the ship—and that was too big.

14. How Crusoe made pots

After much seeking I discovered earth of which a pot might be made. It would make the reader laugh at me, if I told what strange, ugly things I made, how many of the pots fell in, and how many fell out, how many broke and fell to pieces. Having laboured hard, I could not make more than two large ugly *things*—I cannot call them " jars "—in about two months' labour. But I made several little pots and cups, and these I was able to make better. I set wood all round the pots which I had made, and kept up a fire outside and on the top, till the pots were red with the heat. After five or six hours I began to let the fire go down slowly. I watched my pots all night, so that the fire might not go down too quickly. In the morning I had three very good —I will not say " beautiful "—pots, and two jars, all as hardburned as could be desired.

No joy at so little a thing was ever equal to mine, when I found that I had made a pot which would bear the fire. I could not wait till they were cold, but I set one on the fire again with some water to boil some food for me.

15. How Crusoe grew wheat

When I first came on the island, I was looking through my things, and I came on a little bag. This bag had once held corn for feeding the hens on the ship: but the mice had found the bag, and had eaten much of the corn, and had made the rest of it dirty. Wishing to use the bag for something else, I threw out the grain and dirt from the bag on one side of my house.

It was a little before the great rains when I threw this dirt away, and I had thought no more of it. But, about a month after that, I saw some green plants growing up out of the ground. After a little longer time I saw about ten or twelve ears of perfect English wheat growing there. I was greatly surprised, not knowing how it had come there. I went all over that part of the island to see if there were wheat anywhere else; but I found none. Then I remembered cleaning the bag of hen-food. I saved these ears of corn, and planted them again as seed. So, saving the grain each time and using it as seed, in time I had a good field of corn, enough to make bread for myself.

16. How Crusoe wanted a boat

All this time I had been thinking of the islands which I had seen on the other side. For, I thought

that if I could reach those islands, I might find some way of going farther, and perhaps discover some way of escape. This made me think whether it was not possible to make for myself a boat, such as the Indians make, cut out of a tree. I thought that I might cut out the centre of the tree with my axe, or burn it out with fire, so as to make a boat of it. But I did not think of this—that I had no one to help me move the boat, when it was made, into the water. For what would it help me, if, when I had made the boat, I must just leave it there, and was not able to get it into the sea?

17. How Crusoe made a boat

I went to work on this boat more like a fool than ever man did. I pleased myself with the plan, without ever deciding whether I was able to complete it. The trouble of getting it into the water came into my mind, but I gave myself this foolish answer to the question: "Let us first make the boat; I am sure I shall find some way or other to move it when it is done."

So I cut down a great tree. It was five feet ten inches across at the lower part, and four feet eleven inches at the top before it went out into branches. I was twenty days cutting through it at the bottom, and fourteen more days cutting away the branches. After this it cost me a month to make it into the shape of a boat outside and three months more to cut out the inside. Thus I made a very fine boat, big enough to have carried ten men—big enough to have carried me and all my goods.

18. How Crusoe could not get his boat into the water

When I had finished this work, I was very delighted with it. There remained nothing but to get it into the water. It lay about one hundred yards from the water; but the ground went up hill. So I decided to cut through the hill in order to make a road; but, when I had done this, things were no better, for I could not move the boat at all.

Then I decided to bring the water up to the boat, since I could not bring the boat to the water.

So I began this work. But when I entered into it and thought how deep a hole I must make, and how broad, and how much earth must be thrown out, I found that it must be ten or twelve years before I could finish it. So at last, though with great sadness, I gave up the work.

19. How Crusoe found the mark of a man's foot in the sand

This happened one day about noon: I was going along the shore, and I was greatly surprised to see the mark of a man's foot in the sand. I stood there like one who has seen a giant or some fearful thing. I listened; I looked round me: I could hear nothing, nor see anything. I went up the shore and down the shore, but I could see no mark except that one. I went to it again to see if it might not be a dream; but there it was, the perfect mark of every part of a foot. How it came there I could not think.

I came home to my tent looking behind me at every two or three steps, thinking every plant and tree at a distance to be a man.

. . . the mark of a man's foot in the sand

20. How Crusoe made his house stronger

I did not sleep that night. In the morning I got up out of my bed, and I thought that this mark might be a mark of my own foot. I went to the shore again; but, when I came to measure the mark with my own foot, I found my foot not so large by a great deal.

I went back and made the wall of my home stronger. Then I made seven holes in the wall, so that I could put out all my guns at one time. I fixed the guns all ready pointed so that I could fire all the seven guns in two minutes. I did all this only for fear, because I had seen the mark of a man's foot: for I never until now saw any man come near the island.

21. How Crusoe thought he saw a boat

One day, when wandering more to the west part of the island than I had ever done yet, I thought I saw a boat upon the sea at a great distance. But it was so far that I could not know whether it was a boat or not. As I came down from the hill, I could see no more of it. When I had come down the hill to the end of the island, I felt sure that seeing the print of a man's foot was not such a strange thing in the island as I had thought. For it must be common for boats from the other islands, when they were too far out at sea, to come over to this west side of the island to hide from bad weather. I thought also that these wild men often meet and fight in their boats, and those who had taken any prisoners would bring them over to this shore,

where they would kill and eat them—for such are the manners of the wild men of this part of the world.

22. How Crusoe found dead men's bones

When I came down the hill to the shore at the south-west point of the island, I saw a fearful sight. It is not possible for me to express the fear and sickness of my mind at seeing the shore covered with heads, hands, feet and other bones of men's bodies. I noticed also a place where a fire had been made and a circle had been cut in the earth where, I supposed, these fearful people sat down to feed upon the bodies of their fellow-men.

I was so much surprised by the sight of these things that I had no thought of any danger to myself from it for a long time. I could think only of the condition to which Man could fall. I turned my face away from the sight. My stomach grew sick, and I almost fell to the ground. I could not stay in the place one minute. So I went up the hill again as fast as I could, and walked on towards my own house.

23. How Crusoe kept watch

On the next day I found a place on the side of the hill where I might safely wait till I saw any of their boats coming. I might then, unseen, go among some trees where I might sit and see all that they did, and point my gun at their heads. I was so near that, if I were to fire when they stood close together, I should hit three or four of them at one shot.

Every morning for many days I went to this place on the hill. But I began to become tired of this duty after I had kept watch for two or three months and seen nothing; so I went no more.

It was now the season for gathering in my wheat. For this reason I had to go out very early into the field. One morning, going out before it was full daylight, I was surprised at seeing the light of some fire upon the shore: it was about two miles away towards the end of the island. I went quickly up the hill, and began to look for the place.

24. How Crusoe saw a fearful thing

When I came to this place I saw that there were no less than nine men. They were sitting round a small fire which they had made. They had not made the fire to warm them, for the weather was very hot, but—as I supposed—to cook some of their fearful food of their fellow-men. They began dancing: I could see their legs and arms moving. They had no clothes, no covering of any sort on them. After an hour or more they got into their boats, and began to go away.

I ran back to my house to get my gun. When I came back I saw the three boats all at sea together. Going down to the shore, I saw the marks which they had left behind them—the blood and bones of men eaten by these people with joy and laughing. I was so angry at the sight that I began to think how I might kill the next party I saw there, however many they might be.

25. How Crusoe saw five boats

Some time passed, and I saw no more of them. Then one morning I was surprised at seeing no less than five boats all on shore together on my side of the island. The men had all gone from the boats, and were out of my sight. But I knew that they always came four or six in a boat: so I knew that there must be twenty or thirty men. I set the guns ready at my house and made all safe. Then I went up to the top of the hill. Here I could see that there were thirty men, and they had a fire burning. Their food was being made ready, and they were dancing round the fire.

As I looked, I saw two poor fellows pulled from the boat: they were being brought to be killed. I saw a man strike one of them with a wooden axe —for that was their way. The other was left standing by himself till they should be ready for him. Just then this poor fellow, finding himself free, started to run away along the sands, coming straight towards me.

26. How one prisoner ran away

I was very much afraid when I saw him run my way, and even more afraid when I saw the whole party following him. But I kept my place, and began to feel more hope when I saw that only three men continued to follow him.

There was between them and me the little stream to which I first came with my goods from the ship, and I saw clearly that the poor fellow must come over that stream, or be taken there. But when the man, who was escaping, came there, he jumped

One of the prisoners ran away along the sands

into the water and came across as easily as a fish. Then he came to land and ran on with great strength and quickness. When the three, who were following, came to the stream, two of them went into the water; but the third did not, but stood there and went no farther, and soon after went quietly back.

27. How Crusoe saved a Man from death

The other two came over the stream very slowly. I saw now that I could save this poor fellow's life. I took my gun, and came quickly down the hill, so as to be between the man escaping and those following. I then shouted to the man flying, and waved my hand to him, to make him come back. Then I slowly went forward towards the two that followed. I ran upon the first, striking him on the head with my gun. I did not want to fire my gun, because the rest of the men might hear. But the other man came upon me so quickly that I was forced to shoot: this I did, and killed him at the first shot. The poor fellow who was escaping saw both his enemies killed, but he was so afraid with the fire and noise of my gun, that he stood there, and neither came forward nor went back.

28. Of the Man who was saved

I shouted to the poor fellow whom I had saved. He came forward a little way, then stopped again; and then came a little farther, and stopped again. I could then see that he thought that he was made prisoner again, and was coming to be killed, as the two others had been killed. I tried to show him

that this was not so. At last he came close to me, and then he fell upon his knees and kissed the ground. Then he laid his head upon the ground and, taking me by the foot, set my foot upon his head. This, as it seems, was a way of promising to be my servant for ever.

29. How they hid the bodies in the sand

What surprised the fellow was to know that I had killed the man so far off. He pointed to him and spoke some words to me. Though I could not understand the words, yet they were good to hear, for they were the first sound of a man's voice which I had heard for all these years that I had been on the island. I think he said that he wished to go and see the man that was killed. I told him to go. When he came to him, he stood looking at him: then he turned him first on one side, then on the other. He looked at the hole which had been made by the gun-shot. Then he made two graves in the sand and put into them the two bodies, so that they might not be seen by the rest if they followed. After that he followed me to my tent.

30. How Crusoe gave clothes to Man Friday

When the man came to my tent, I gave him bread, some dried fruits, and a cup of water; for he was greatly tired by his running. After that I made him lie down and sleep.

After he had slept about half an hour he waked again, and came out of the house to me. Then I began to speak to him and to teach him to speak to me. First, I told him that his name should be

I told him that his name should be Friday . . .

Friday, for that was the day on which I saved his life. I taught him to say "Master," and then let him know that this was to be my name. I taught him to say "Yes" and "No," and to know the meaning of them. Then I gave him some clothes, and a coat made of the skin of a large animal and a cap made of rabbit skin. He was very well pleased to see himself in such clothes. It is true that he moved strangely in the clothes at first, for he was not used to wearing clothes. The coat rubbed his neck and the inside of his arms; but I made it larger, and after that he became used to the clothes very quickly.

31. How Friday lived in Crusoe's Home

On the next day I began to think of a place for him to sleep in. I made him a tent on an open place within the wall of my house. Then I made a door to my store-room. At night I slept in the store-room, where I took with me all my guns; and I shut the door.

I need not have taken all this care, for a man never had a more true and loving servant than my Friday. He was never angry. He sought only to please me. He loved me as a child loves his father, and I dare say that he would have given his life to save mine at any time. He treated my gun as if it were some sort of god. He would not touch it, but would speak to it when he was alone with it; and he talked to it as if it had answered him. I asked him later what it was that he said to the gun, and he told me that he asked it not to kill him.

32. How Crusoe taught Friday English

This was the best year of all that I spent in this place. Friday began to talk well, and to understand the names of everything I called for, and of every place I sent him to. He also talked a great deal to me. So I began now to have some use for my tongue again: indeed I had had little use for it before for speaking. Beside the pleasure of talking to him, I had great pleasure in the fellow himself. His simple goodness appeared to me more and more every day, and I began really to love the fellow; and, on his side, I believe that he loved me more than it was possible for him ever to love anything before.

33. How other men came to the island

I was busy one morning with my stores, and I called to Friday and told him to go to the sea-shore, and see if he could get some fish. Friday had not been long gone when he came running back. He came flying up the steps over the wall and, before I had time to speak to him, he cried out to me, "O master! O master! O bad! bad!" "What has happened, Friday?" said I. "Oh—there," said he; "one, two, three boats! One, two, three!"

By his way of speaking I thought he meant six; but, on asking him again, I learned that there were only three boats. "Well, Friday," said I, "do not be afraid." But I saw that the poor fellow was still very much afraid; for he was always dreaming that they would come to look for him, and that they would cut him in pieces and eat him. I did the best I could for him, and told him that I was in

danger too, and that they would eat me as well as him. " But," said I, " we must decide to fight them. Can you fight, Friday? " " Me shoot," said he; " but there came many great number."

34. How Crusoe and Friday went to fight against the wild men

" Do not trouble about that," said I again : " our guns will make them afraid even if we do not kill." So I asked him, " Will you stand by me and do just as I order you ? " He said, " Me die when you order me die, master." Then I made ready two guns for Friday and three guns for myself.

When I had made all ready, I went up the side of the hill to see what I could discover. I found that there were twenty-one men, three prisoners, and three boats, and their business seemed to be to eat their prisoners, as was usual with them.

This sight made me very angry. I gave Friday two of the guns, and took the other three myself. I also gave Friday a large bag with more powder for the guns. I then told him to keep close behind me, and not to move or shoot or do anything until I gave the order. I then went about one mile round about so as to get into the wood and come within shot of them before I should be discovered.

35. How Crusoe and Friday looked out upon the wild men

I entered among the trees very carefully and silently, Friday following close behind me. I marched till I came to the edge of the trees on the side which was nearest to them. Only one corner of the little forest lay between me and them. Here

I called softly to Friday. I showed him a great tree which was just at the corner of the forest: I told him to go to that tree, and to come back and tell me if he could see what they were doing. He did so, and came back to me at once. He said that they were sitting round the fire eating one of the prisoners, and another prisoner lay tied up on the sand a little distance from them.

There was another tree about forty yards nearer to them. I saw that, by going a little way round, I could come to it without being discovered, and then I should be within half a shot of them. Going back about twenty yards, I got behind some small plants which continued all the way till I came to the other tree. This gave me a full sight of them at a very short distance.

36. How Crusoe and Friday shot at the wild men

I had now not a minute to lose, for seventeen of these fearful men sat on the ground all close together, and they had just sent the other four to kill the poor prisoner. They got down on their knees to untie the bands at the man's feet. I turned to Friday. "Now, Friday," said I, "do as I tell you. Do just as you see me do." I put one of the guns on the ground, and Friday did the same. Then I took the other gun and pointed it at the wild men. Then I asked Friday if he was ready; he said, "Yes." "Then fire at them," said I; and I fired also.

Friday shot so much better than I, that he killed two of them, and hurt three more; I killed one and hurt two.

37. How they shot at them again

They were, you may be sure, greatly surprised! All of them, who were not hurt, jumped up upon their feet: but they did not know which way to run, or which way to look. Friday kept his eyes upon me, so that he might see what I did. As soon as the first shot had been fired, I threw down the gun, and took the other; and Friday did the same. I pointed the gun, and he did the same again. "Are you ready, Friday?" said I. "Yes," said he. "Fire, then," said I. So saying, I fired again, and so did Friday. Only two fell, but many were hurt and ran about shouting; and three more of them fell soon after.

38. How Crusoe came out from the trees

"Now, Friday," said I, "follow me." I put down the second gun and took up the third. Then I came out from the trees and showed myself, Friday being close behind me.

As soon as they saw me, I shouted as loud as I could. Then I ran as fast as I could to the place where the poor prisoner lay on the shore. The four men had left him, when they were surprised by our first shots: they had got into one of the three boats. I turned to Friday and told him to step forward and fire at the men in the boat. He ran forward till he was within twenty yards of them; then he shot at them, and I thought he had killed them all; but one got up again after.

39. How Friday found his father

While my man Friday fired at them, I cut the

bands of the poor prisoner, and set free his hands and feet. He could not stand or speak, but cried out as if he had been set free only to be killed. When Friday came, I told him to speak to him, and tell him that he was saved. But when Friday came to look in the man's face, he kissed him, and cried, and laughed, jumped about, danced, sang; then cried again. It was a long time before I could make him speak to me or tell me what it was. But when he was himself again, he told me that it was his father.

Then he ran and brought his father water and bread.

After some days Friday went to take his father back to his home in one of the boats which the men had left.

40. How a ship came to the island

I had waited no less than eight days for Friday to return, when a strange thing happened. I was asleep in my house one morning, when Friday came running in to me and called loudly, " Master, master, they have come."

I jumped up and went out as soon as I could get my clothes on. Not thinking of any danger, I did not take my gun. But I was surprised when, turning my eyes to the sea, I saw a boat about half a mile distant, coming in to the shore. It had a sail, and the wind was blowing well to bring it to the land.

I told Friday to hide, while I went up the hill. As soon as I came up the hill, I saw a ship half a mile away on the south side of the island. It

I saw a boat coming into the shore

seemed to be an English ship, and the boat was the ship's boat.

41. How men came in a boat from the ship

I cannot express what I felt: I was so delighted at seeing a ship, an English ship!—and yet there was some doubt in my mind telling me to be careful. I wondered what business an English ship could have in that part of the world, since it is not on the way to or from any part of the world where the English had any trade; and I knew there had been no storm to drive them there. If they were really English, they could not have come here for any good.

As I lay watching, I saw the boat draw near to the shore. They came to land about half a mile from me. They were English. There were eleven men, and three of them seemed to have their hands tied, as if they were prisoners. Four or five of the men jumped out onto the shore: then they took the three prisoners out of the boat.

42. How the ship's boat was left dry on the shore

I was greatly surprised, and knew not what the meaning of it could be. Friday called out to me, "O master! You see English men eat prisoners also." "No, no," said I; "I am afraid they may kill them indeed, but you may be sure they will not eat them."

The men stood talking to the prisoners for a long time, and at every minute I expected to see the three prisoners killed.

But a chance saved them: for these men had

come to the island when the water was high on the shore. But, while they stood talking to the prisoners, the sea went down leaving their boat dry on the shore. They had left two men in the boat, but these had fallen asleep. One of them woke and saw what had happened. He called to the others, and they came quickly to the boat; but they could not move it. Then they all went away, deciding to wait for the next high water.

43. How Crusoe spoke with the three prisoners

They went up the shore as if they wanted to see something of the inside part of the island.

I went to my house and made all ready for a battle as before. Then I decided to show myself to the three prisoners, and learn something of their condition.

I came as near to them as I could without being seen; then I called out to them, "Who are you, gentlemen?"

They jumped up in surprise; but they were ten times more surprised when they saw me, for indeed I must have looked very strange. They made no answer. "Gentlemen," said I again, "do not be surprised at me; perhaps you may have a friend near you when you did not expect it." "The friend must be sent from heaven then," said one of them very gravely, "for our condition is beyond the help of man." "I am an Englishman," said I, "and I wish to help you. I have one servant only. We have guns and powder. Tell me freely. Can we serve you? What has happened to you?"

"I was the captain of that ship," replied one of

the men. " My men rose up against me. At one time they meant to kill me, but now they have set me on shore in this desert place, and these two men with me. One of these men is my officer, and the other is a traveller on the ship."

" Have they any guns? " said I. He answered that they had only two guns and one which they had left in the boat—that is, three in all.

44. How Crusoe and the captain fought five men

It was now the heat of the day. Going a little forward, I saw that five men were all asleep among some trees at a little distance from where we stood. The three others were still walking somewhere in the island.

I came back and said to the captain, " Here are three guns for you and your party." I then asked him whether we should fire on the five men as they lay; but the captain said that two only of the men were bad, and the others had been led away by them.

While we were speaking we heard some of the men awake, and soon after we saw two of them standing up. I asked the captain if these were the two leaders. He said, " No." " Then," said I, " you may let them escape; and God seems to have awakened them so that they may save themselves. . . . Now," said I, "do not let the rest escape you."

Then we all took our guns. The two men who were with the captain went first. They made some noise, at which one of the men, who was awake, turned round and saw them coming. He cried out to the rest, but it was too late, for as he cried out,

the officer and the other men fired. One man was killed, and one, who was hurt, cried out, " Help ! " At that another man jumped up. Then the captain stepped forward, and hit him on the head with the heavy part of his gun, so that he never spoke more. The man who was hurt died soon after. Thus three were killed.

45. How Crusoe told the captain his story

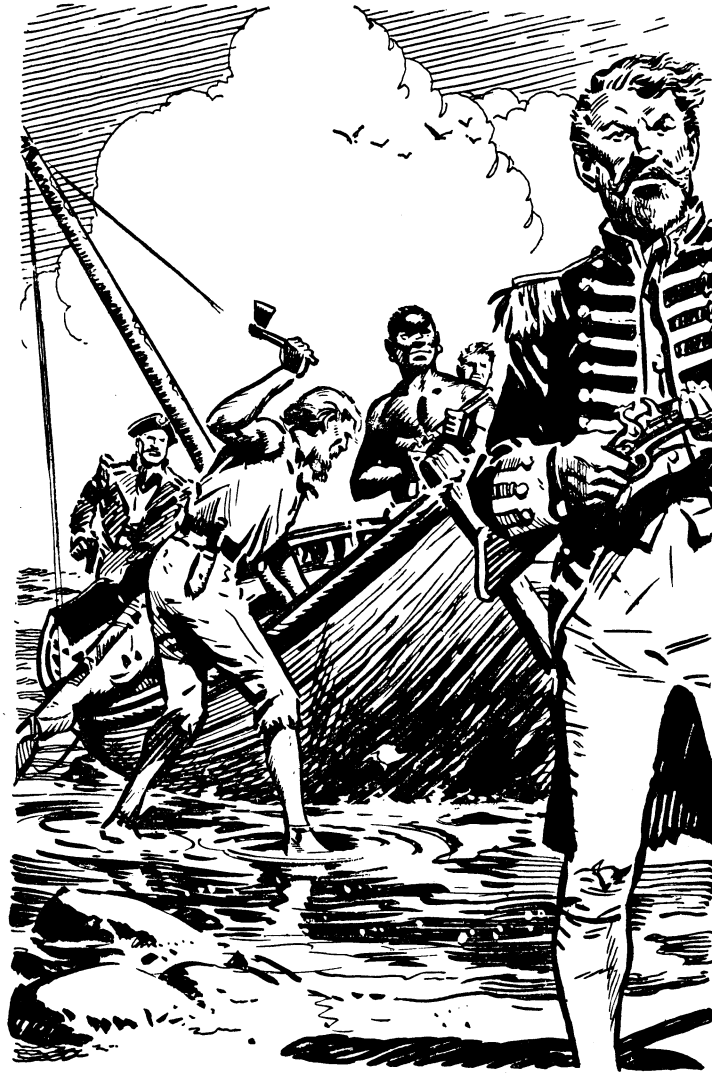
By this time I had come. When the two others saw their danger, and knew that they could do nothing, they prayed the captain not to kill them. The captain told them that he would give them their lives if they would promise to help him in getting his ship again. We then tied their hands and feet. While this was being done, I sent Friday with the officer to the boat to take it.

The three men, who had not been with the others, came back on hearing the guns. Seeing what had happened, they also promised to serve the captain; and we tied them up and left them with the others.

Thus we had won everything.

I then told the captain my story. He was greatly surprised at it, and was delighted at hearing the wonderful way in which I had got stores and powder and guns; and, when he thought how I seemed to have been kept safe upon the island so that I might save his life, the tears ran down his face, and he could not speak a word more.

After this I led him and the two men to my house. I gave them such food as I had, and showed them my table and chair and pots, and such things, which I had made during my long years in the place.



We must therefore make a hole in the boat . . .

46. How another boat came from the ship

We then began to think how we could win the ship. The captain said that there were still twenty-six men on board: we did not know how we could fight so many. Then the thought came to me that the men on the ship would wonder what had happened to the eleven men who had come in the boat, and would ask why they did not return; and then they would come on shore in another boat to seek for them. We must therefore make a hole in the boat which was now on the shore, so that they might not take it away.

Just as we finished doing this, we heard the ship fire a gun; then we saw a flag go up, as an order to the others to return. But no boat came. They fired another gun, and put up other flags.

At last they put out a boat with ten men in it, and came towards the shore. As they came near the captain saw them, and said that three of them were very good fellows who had been led away and were made afraid by the others: the other seven were bad.

They pulled up their boat on the sand; then they all ran to their other boat. It was easy to see that they were surprised to see the great hole in it.

Then they shouted to try if they could make the others hear: but there was no answer. Then they all came close in a ring, and fired off their guns together. Our prisoners heard it, but they dared not give any answer.

47. How Friday and the officer led the men away

Then they set two men to be with the boat, and the other eight came marching towards the top of the little hill under which my house lay. I then ordered Friday and the officer to go to the little stream on the west, and as soon as they came to high ground, to shout. When the men from the ship answered, they were to shout again: then, keeping out of sight, they were to draw on the men far into the island among the trees.

Soon after this the men from the ship heard Friday and the officer shouting, and ran along the shore to the west. As soon as they had gone into the island, we came down and surprised the two men who were with the boat, and made them prisoners. Then we took away the boat and hid it. They were two good fellows, and they were very ready to serve us. So we let them keep their guns.

During this time Friday and the officer did their work very well. By shouting and answering they drew the others from one hill to another till they were very tired and did not know where they were. Indeed Friday and the officer were themselves very tired also when they came back to us.

The seven men came back to their boat several hours after Friday had returned to me. Long before they came near we could hear the men in front calling to those behind to come along, and the men behind answering how tired they were, and not able to come any faster. It was now growing dark.

48. How Crusoe fought against seven men

At last the seven men came to the place where

their boat had been. It is not possible to express their surprise when they found the boat gone and the two men gone also. We could hear them call to one another that they had got onto an island of fairies or wizards, and that they would all be carried away.

I ordered Friday and the captain to go on their hands and knees as close to the ground as they could, so that they might not be discovered, and get as near to them as they could.

After a little time the leader of these fellows came walking towards them, and two others with him. As they came near, Friday and the captain jumped up, and shot at them. The leader was killed; another died soon after, and the third ran away.

49. How the men laid down their guns

I at once came forward with all my army, which was now eight men. I ordered one of the men whom we had taken with the boat to speak to them. So he called out, "Tom Smith, Tom Smith." Tom Smith answered, "Who is that? Is it Jones?"—for he knew the voice. The other answered, "Throw down your guns, Tom Smith, or you are all dead men this minute." "Who are they?" said Smith again. "Here is our captain and forty men with him," said the other: "they have been following you for two hours. Your leader is killed; Will Frye is hurt, and I am a prisoner." "Will they save our lives?" said Smith. Then the captain himself called out, "You, Smith, you know my voice. If you put down your guns at once, you shall have your lives."

Then they laid down their guns, and I sent two men to tie their hands and feet.

50. How the captain took the ship

Then we stopped the hole in the boat, and the captain went off with his officer and four other men to the ship.

There were two men at the side of the ship who saw the boat coming. Then the captain made Jones shout to these men, and say they had brought away the men and the boat from the island. While this was being said the boat came to the side of the ship : then the captain and the officer climbed up quickly, and made the two men prisoners. Then they shut the door which led to the lower part of the ship, and made all the rest prisoners. Their leader was in another part of the ship. The officer broke the door of the room where he was, and, running in, shot him through the head. Then the other men gave way, and the ship was taken.

The captain then ordered seven guns to be fired, so that I might know that the ship was taken. I was very glad, and lay down to sleep.

I awoke to hear the sound of a gun, and soon after that I heard the captain's voice. I climbed up to the top of the hill. There the captain stood, and pointing to the ship, he said, " My friend, who has saved me, there is your ship. She[1] is all yours, and so are we, and all that is in the ship."

[1] The ship. Ships are always spoken of as " *She* " in English.

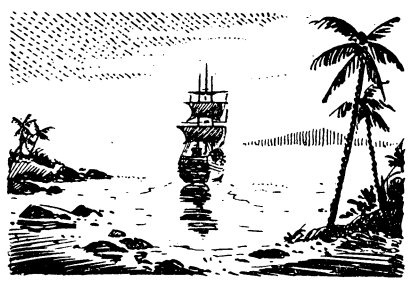
. . . the boat came to the side of the ship

51. How Crusoe went home at last

I took with me Friday. I took also some of the things which I had made, so that I might remember the island in after-years. I left the island in 1687, after I had been upon it twenty-eight years, two months and seventeen days.

I made other travels after this. These are not told to you here.

I am now an old man; I am preparing for a longer journey than all these. I have lived many years, a life of many changes; and I have learned the blessing of ending our days in peace.



QUESTIONS

Section 1

1. In what year was Crusoe born?
2. In what city was he born?
3. What did Crusoe want to do?
4. What did his father say to this?
5. To what city did he go?
6. What did his friend ask him to do?
7. Crusoe went without ....(*a*).... and without ....(*b*)...., and without ....(*c*)....

Section 2

1. Where did they mean to go?
2. What island did they leave on the east?
3. What came after a few days?
4. Where did the ship run?
5. What did they do then?
6. The ....(*a*).... gave us just time to say "....(*b*)...."— and we were all ....(*c*)....

Section 3

1. What took Crusoe to the shore?
2 What did he do at once?
3. What did he do after a time?
4. Why did he climb up into a tree?

Section 4

1. When did I wake?
2. How far away from the shore was the ship?
3. The lower part of the ship was ....

Section 5

1. "I found four ....(*a*).... and made a ....(*b*)...."
2. "I took a large box of ....(*a*)...., an ....(*b*)...., and other things for ....(*c*)...."
3. How many guns did he take?
4. What happened to the boat when it came near the shore?
5. Where did he guide the boat then?

Section 6

1. What did he see when he reached the top of the hill? That he was ....
2. How far distant were the two small islands?
3. Were the two islands to the north, south, east, or west?
4. What did he shoot?
5. What happened at the sound of the gun?

Section 7

1. What was there at the back of the little plain?
2. Of what did he make a tent?
3. What did he fix in a half-circle?
4. What did he do with the earth which he cut from the hill?

Section 8

1. For what did he use the hole in the hill?
2. How did he enter his house?
3. What did he write on the tall piece of wood?
4. Make marks (like Crusoe's) showing twenty days with the beginning of a new week and of a new month among them.

Section 9

1. "I greatly needed a ....(*a*).... and a ....(*b*)...."
2. How did Crusoe make a board?
3. What did he fix in the store-room?

Section 10

1. Of what did Crusoe make a lamp?
2. Why did not Crusoe make wax-lights?
3. What did he use for oil in his lamp?

Section 11

1. Where did Crusoe go?
2. What plant did he find?
3. What did he find among the trees?

Section 12

1. Crusoe came to an opening in the hills. Here the country looked like a ....(*a*).... and he thought with some pleasure that he was ....(*b*)....
2. What happened to some of the fruit?
3. What did he do with the rest of the fruit?

Section 13

1. Why could not Crusoe go out of his house?
2. What did he kill for food? (*a*).... (*b*)....
3. At what did he work at this time? (*a*).... (*b*)....
4. Crusoe had only one .... What?

Section 14

1. "It would make the reader laugh if I told what ....(*a*).... and how many ....(*b*)...."
2. How many large jars did he make?
3. After how many hours did he let the fire down?
4. How many pots did he get?

Section 15

1. What was in the bag at first?
2. What had happened to what was in the bag?

3. What did Crusoe do to what was in the bag?
4. What came up out of the ground?
5. What did Crusoe do with the first lot of grain?
6. "At last I had enough corn to ...."

Section 16

1. "I thought that if I could reach those islands, I might ...."
2. "I thought I might cut out ....(*a*).... of a tree with my axe, or ....(*b*) it, so as to make a ....(*c*)...."
3. Of what did Crusoe not think?

Section 17

1. How wide was the tree at the lower part?
2. (*a*) How long did it take to make the outside into the shape of a boat? (*b*) How long did it take to cut out the inside?
3. How many men could the boat carry?

Section 18

1. How far was the boat from the water?
2. Why did he give up the work? Because he found that it would take ....(*a*).... years to bring the ....(*b*).... to the boat.

Section 19

1. At what time did Crusoe go down to the shore?
2. What did he see on the sand?
3. What did he do as he walked home?

Section 20

1. How did he know he had not made the mark himself?
2. "I went home and made ....(*a*).... stronger. I made ....(*b*).... in the wall so that I could ....(*c*)...."

Section 21

1. What did Crusoe think he saw?
2. "I thought that the wild men of the other islands would often bring their ....(*a*).... to this shore, where they would ....(*b*)...."

Section 22

1. What "fearful sight" did he see?
2. What did he notice?
3. "I had no thought of ....(*a*)....: I could only think of ....(*b*)...."

Section 23

1. Why did Crusoe go up to the hill every day?
2. For how long did he do this?
3. Why did he have to go out early to the field?
4. How far away was the fire?

Section 24

1. How many men were there?
2. Why did he go back to his house?
3. Where were the men when he came back?
4. What had the men left behind them?

Section 25

1. How many boats did he see next time?
2. How many men were there?
3. How many prisoners were there?
4. Where did one of the prisoners run?

Section 26

1. What was between Crusoe and the man?

2. What did the man do when he came to the stream?
3. What did two men do?
4. What did the third man do?

Section 27

1. What did Crusoe do to the first follower?
2. What did Crusoe do to the second follower?
3. Why was the escaping man afraid?

Section 28

1. What did the poor fellow think at first?
2. What did he do to Crusoe's foot?
3. What was he promising to do?

Section 29

1. Why were the fellow's words "good to hear"?
2. What did he wish to do?
3. Why did he put the bodies in the sand?

Section 30

1. What name did Crusoe give to the man?
2. What clothes did he give him?
   (*a*) A .... made of ....
   (*b*) A .... made of ....

Section 31

1. Where did the man sleep?
2. What did Crusoe take away with him at night?
3. "He loved me as ...."
4. What did the man say to Crusoe's gun?

Section 32

1. What did Friday understand? (*a*) ....; (*b*) ....
2. What appeared to Crusoe more and more?

Section 33

1. What did Friday shout?
2. How many boats were there?
3. "Can you fight?"—What did Friday answer?

Section 34

1. Crusoe said, "Will you do what I order?" What did Friday answer?
2. (*a*) How many men were there? (*b*) How many prisoners?
3. Why did Crusoe go a mile round?

Section 35

1. What lay between Crusoe and the Wild Men?
2. What did Friday see from the tree?
3. Why did Crusoe go round to another tree?

Section 36

1. How many men were sitting?
2. What were the four men sent to do?
3. How many men did Friday kill?

Section 37

1. The Wild Men did not know ....(*a*).... or ....(*b*)...
2. How many men fell? How many fell soon after?

Section 38

1. Where did Crusoe run?
2. What had the four men done?
3. At whom did Friday shoot?

Section 39

1. What did Friday do when he saw the prisoner's face?
2. Who was the prisoner?
3. What did Friday bring to the prisoner?
4. What did Friday do after some days?

Section 40

1. How many days had Crusoe waited?
2. What did Friday call out?
3. What did Crusoe see from the hill?

Section 41

1. Of what nation were the men in the boat?
2. Why had Crusoe doubts about the ship? "It was not on the way to any part where . . . ."
3. How many men came to the land?
4. "Three of them seemed to have . . . .(*a*). . . . . as if they were . . . .(*b*). . . ."

Section 42

1. What did Friday say? "O master, you see . . . . also!"
2. What did Crusoe expect at every minute?
3. What had the two men in the boat done?
4. What had the sea done?
5. What did they decide to do?

Section 43

1. "Then they all went away up the shore as if ...."
2. What did Crusoe say to the prisoners? "I am ....(*a*).... and I wish to ....(*b*)...."

Section 44

1. (*a*) How many men were among the trees? (*b*) What were they doing?
2. Crusoe asked the captain whether he should ....(*a*).... but the captain answered that only ....(*b*)....
3. Three men were killed: two of these were shot: how was the third man killed?

Section 45

1. The captain said he would give the other two their lives if ....
2. What did Crusoe do to the men whose lives were saved?
3. Crusoe told the captain his story: at what was the captain delighted?
4. What did Crusoe show the captain? (*a*) ..... (*b*) ...., (*c*) ..... and other things which he had ....(*d*)....

Section 46

1. How many men were there on board the ship?
2. What did Crusoe do to the boat?
3. What did the men on the ship do to call their men back?
4. How many men came in the second boat?
5. What did the men in the second boat do to make their friends come? (*a*) ...., (*b*) ....

Section 47

1. Towards what were the eight men marching?
2. What did Crusoe tell Friday and the officer to do?
3. What did Crusoe do to the two men who were with the boat?

4. What did Crusoe do to their boat?
5. "These were two good fellows; so we let them ...."
6. "Long before they came back we could hear those in front ....(*a*)...., and those behind answering ....(*b*)...."

Section 48

1. "I ordered the captain and Friday to go ...., so that they might not be discovered."
2. "After a time the ....(*a*).... and ....(*b*).... others came walking towards the captain and Friday. The captain and Friday shot and killed ....(*c*).... of them."

Section 49

1. How many men were in Crusoe's army?
2. What was the name of the man who called from Crusoe's army?
3. What did the man from Crusoe's army say? "Here is the ....(*a*).... and ....(*b*).... men. Throw down ....(*c*)...., or you are all ....(*d*)...."
4. The captain said, "If you ....(*a*)..... you shall have ....(*b*)...."

Section 50

1. What did the captain make Jones say?
2. How did the captain make all the other men on the ship prisoners?
3. What did the officer do to the leader?
4. How did the captain show Crusoe that the ship was taken?
5. Where did Crusoe meet the captain?

Section 51

1. How long had Crusoe been on the island?
2. What does Crusoe mean by "a longer journey than all these"?
3. "I have lived many years, a life of ....(*a*).... and I have learned ....(*b*)...."

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